



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held March 4, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Firefighters combating the recent wildfires in Los Angeles County were hampered by brush that homeowners failed to clear. In some instances County personnel had ordered the brush to be cleared, but clearance was delayed due to permitting issues among various State agencies.

“The California Endangered Species Act should not impede our efforts to save lives and protect property during emergencies. The spread of fires impacts not just one property, but potentially hundreds of properties when a fire is spreading rapidly.

“The intent of SB 1618 is to avoid the spread of fire due to the accumulation of brush, especially for brush that fire departments want removed but State agencies delay by citing environmental reasons.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer was directed to analyze the impact to the County of Senate Bill 1618 (Hollingsworth), legislation which allows property owners to clear up to 300 feet of defensible space for fire safety, under the discretion of a local fire official; and report back to the Board within two weeks at its meeting of March 18, 2008 with recommendations.

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